

U.S. Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service

# *U.S. National Arboretum*

## *Program Calendar*

### *June - September 2005*



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# National Herb Garden 25th Anniversary Celebration!

## The Making of a Garden

Don't miss this opportunity to learn what it takes to plan and design a 2.5 acre herb garden in the nation's capital. Join landscape architect and National Herb Garden designer Tom Wirth as he shares the story of how it all came about.

Following this fascinating story, audience members are invited to share their ideas for the garden's next 25 years with facilitator and Executive Director of the Herb Society of America, Gretchen Faro. A light, herbal reception follows with free tours of the garden beginning at 3:30.

May 21, 2-3:30pm

Fee: \$5 (FONA \$4)

Registration required.

Admin Bldg Auditorium

## Oregano to Go!

Celebrate the Herb of the Year for 2005 on the crafty side. Carol Chewning of Virginia Beach's One to Grow On provides instruction and materials for you to create a unique gift package with a collage of oregano ephemera--the perfect presentation for the zesty herbal blend that she'll teach you to make. So lovely you'll want to keep this gift for yourself! All materials provided.

Jun 4, 10-11am

Fee: \$15 (FONA \$12)

Registration required.

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## Save Those Seeds!

Want a creative way to save the seeds of your favorite plants? Join Carol Chewning of Virginia Beach's One to Grow On and create a simple, colorful journal for saving seeds. Take home instructions to make journals for all your gardening friends. All materials provided.

Jun 4, 1-2:30pm

Fee: \$15 (FONA \$12)

Registration required.

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## Parsley, Sage, Rosemary & Thyme

The medicinal use of herbs has a long history, filled with legends and lore. Join herbalist and Herb Society of America member-at-large Jane Irvin-Klotz for an intriguing lecture about this history and discover the health benefits of herbs that are being rediscovered today. Handouts provided.

Jun 25, 11am-12pm

Fee: \$12 (FONA \$10)

Registration required.

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Stop in "Under the Arbor" in the National Herb Garden and join us for an afternoon of family fun as members of the Herb Society of America present activities and demonstrations for you to create, touch, taste, and take away. These informal programs are free and no registration is required.

## Herbal Crafts

Jun 18, 1-4pm

Ever wonder what to do with an abundance of fresh lavender or how to make beads from roses? Visit members of the Potomac and Philadelphia Units of the Herb Society of America and find out. Throughout the day, they will be demonstrating crafts made from the herb garden including lavender wands, bookmarks, tussie mussies, and rose beads.

## Saving Summer Flavors

Sep 17, 1-4pm

Members of the North Carolina and Tidewater Units of the Herb Society of America will share tips and recipes for saving the golden flavors of summer. Lemongrass syrup, crabapple thyme liqueur, basil blackberry jam, a variety of pestos and more can grace your table through the fall and winter. Get hands-on experience mixing up a few of these tasty treats, and take home the secrets for creating them in your kitchen.

Mark your calendar!

## A Witch's Herbs

Join us for this enchanted lecture with Jane Irvin-Klotz as she shares the stories and folklore of herbs associated with spells and witchcraft.

Oct 29, 11am-12pm

Fee: \$12 (FONA \$10)

Registration required.

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## Herb & Spice Holiday Ornaments

Create unique holiday ornaments using a variety of materials, including some from your kitchen herb and spice cabinet. Make 3 different ornaments and learn about spices associated with the season. All materials included.

Nov 12, 10-11am & 1:30-3:30pm

Fee: unavailable at press time

Registration required.

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## Gifts from the Garden

Oct 1, 1-3pm

Members of the Mid-Atlantic District of the Herb Society of America will demonstrate how to prepare gifts from the garden for the holiday season. Sample and sniff the herbal butter, vinegar, and potpourri they'll be making and take home instructions to create your own gifts from the garden using fresh herbs and flowers.

## Herbal Harvest

Oct 15, 1-4pm

Wondering what to do with your herbs at the end of the growing season? Join members of the Virginia Commonwealth Unit of the Herb Society of America to learn how to collect, preserve, and use what you harvest. This demonstration includes how to make a harvest wreath with dried herbs. Materials and instructions will be available.

## Coming next season!

## Christmas Herbs

Why is holly so popular? What herbs were found in the manger? The symbolism of many plants has been derived from various cultures and religions. Come learn about the plants associated with the Christmas holiday as Jane Irvin Klotz shares the history and symbolism of the season's traditional plants.

Nov 19, 11am-12pm

Fee: \$12 (FONA \$10)

Registration required.

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*The following exhibits and demonstrations are free and do not require registration.*

## WBFF World Bonsai Contest 2004

### Photographic Exhibit

See photographs of 100 award-winning bonsai from around the world in this stunning exhibit. Japan Airlines inaugurated the World Bonsai Contest in 1999 and, together with the Nippon Bonsai Association and the Japan Bonsai Growers Cooperative, has sponsored the contest for each of the past 5 years. Bonsai artists from around the world (outside of Japan) are invited to submit photos of their trees to judges who select the 100 best bonsai based on technical skill and the overall health and beauty of the tree. They award one grand prize with two runners-up and designate 50 more trees as the rest of the best. Another 47 entries receive the nod as the best representatives of the participating countries and World Bonsai Friendship Federation regions.

*May 28-Dec 31, 10am-3:30pm*

*Bonsai & Penjing Museum*

*International Pavilion*

### Conservation Portraits:

#### Botanical Illustrations of Japan's Endangered Plants

Since 1998 members of the Japanese Association of Botanical Illustration have visited 182 of Japan's rarest plants to paint their portraits. The result of their efforts is a recently published book and a traveling exhibit. The first American venue for the exhibit, the arboretum showcases 72 of the paintings: half of the pictures were displayed from March-April, the second half will hang from May-June.

Endangered Plants of Japan: A Florilegium and reproductions of 16 of the paintings are for sale in the Arbor House Gift Shop.

*Thru Jun 30, 8am-4:30pm*

*Admin Bldg Lobby*



### Satsuki Bonsai Exhibit

Breathtaking blossoms cover these late-blooming azaleas, miniature in form, but covered with full-sized flowers. This annual exhibit showcases the most spectacular examples from the arboretum's permanent and the curator's collections. (See related workshop on page 3.)

*Jun 4-12, 10am-3:30pm*

*Bonsai & Penjing Museum*

*Special Exhibits Wing*

### Visiting Bonsai Club

Members of the Potomac Bonsai Association Brookside Bonsai Society exhibit bonsai from their private collections. The member-led demonstration presents practical information for beginners.

*Jun 18-26, 10am-3:30pm*

*Bonsai & Penjing Museum*

*Special Exhibits Wing*

*Demo: Jun 26, 1-2:30pm*

*Lecture/Demonstration Center*

### Ikebana Exhibit

Experience the zen'ei, or avant-garde, style of Ikebana with Sogetsu flower arrangements, which often include unusual plant materials and objects. This exhibit features Joyce Overholtzer, Diana Cull, Sachiko Furlan, and their students.

*Jul 9-17, 10am-3:30pm*

*Bonsai & Penjing Museum*

*Special Exhibits Wing*

*Demo: Jul 17, 1-2:30pm*

*Lecture/Demonstration Center*

### Suiseki Exhibit

Viewing stones are valued for their untouched, naturally weathered beauty and for the images they suggest of natural scenes or objects. Discover the intrigue of viewing stones during this exhibit of the arboretum's permanent collection. The exhibited stones will be changed on August 17, so plan to visit more than once to experience the entire collection.

*Aug 6-28, 10am-3:30pm*

*Bonsai & Penjing Museum*

*Special Exhibits Wing*

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*Sep 3-11, 10am-3:30pm*

*Bonsai & Penjing Museum*

*Special Exhibits Wing*

*Demo: Sep 11, 1-2:30pm*

*Lecture/Demonstration Center*



### Volunteer Demos

Drop in on one of these informal demonstrations as our bonsai expert transforms a nursery plant into a beautiful bonsai. This is an excellent opportunity for beginners who want a basic introduction to the art of bonsai.

*Jun 4, Jul 2 & 24, Aug 13 & 21, Sep 3, 1-2:30pm*

*Bonsai & Penjing Museum*

*Lecture/Demonstration Center*

### Orchid Judging

#### Open to the Public

Ever wonder what is considered a prize-winning orchid? Drop in to observe the judging of orchids during the National Capital Judging Center's monthly sessions.

*Jun 4, Jul 2, Aug 6, Sep 3, 12-4pm*

*Admin Bldg Auditorium*

For all events requiring registration, please use the form on page 4.

For information and availability, visit [www.usna.usda.gov](http://www.usna.usda.gov) or call (202)245-5898, weekdays 8am - 4:30pm



## Pests & Diseases of Bonsai

Pests and diseases are a fact of life. The question is how should you deal with them? Join arboretum IPM specialist Tony Vlahakis for this informative lecture featuring the pests and diseases of bonsai and how to keep them under control through cultural, biological, and as a last resort, chemical applications.

Jun 18, 10-11am

Fee: \$12 (FONA/NBF \$10)

Registration required.

Bonsai & Penjing Museum

Lecture/Demonstration Center

## Penjing in Shanghai

What is the penjing aesthetic and how does penjing differ from Japanese and American bonsai? What can be learned from the Chinese penjing tradition? These and other topics will be discussed by Jim Hughes, Assistant Curator of Bonsai, who recently spent four weeks studying at the Shanghai Botanical Garden.

Jul 10, 1-2pm

Fee: \$12 (FONA/NBF \$10)

Registration required.

Bonsai & Penjing Museum

Lecture/Demonstration Center

## Native Plants: A Welcome Sign for Wildlife

Discover how to enhance biodiversity by creating your own rain garden, butterfly garden, or backyard habitat using native plants. Liz McDowell of Elk Ridge Nature Works will explain the importance of preserving regional biodiversity and will demonstrate low cost methods for attracting wildlife to your backyard or schoolyard. You'll leave with a personal action plan for turning your property into a "wildlife magnet."

Jun 11, 10-11am

Fee: \$12 (FONA \$10)

Registration required.

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## Growing Green Roofs In the U.S.

Green roofs are appearing more and more in the news and on buildings. Owner and president of Emory Knoll Farms, Inc. and Green Roof Plants Ed Snodgrass discusses why green roofs are increasingly popular and shares project photos from the U.S. and around the world. Gain a basic understanding of the green roof assembly and what plants are used on these installations.

Sep 24, 10-11am

Fee: \$15 (FONA \$12)

Registration required.

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## Styling Satsuki Azalea Bonsai

This intermediate level workshop is for the bonsai enthusiast who is ready for a challenge. Participants must have a well founded knowledge of bonsai styling, pruning, wiring, and general culture. Prerequisite to this program is Bonsai Basics. Fee includes satsuki azalea, glazed pot, soil, and wire.

Jun 12, 1-4pm

Fee: \$85 (FONA/NBF \$68)

Registration required.

Bonsai & Penjing Museum

Lecture/Demonstration Center



## Bonsai Basics

Discover the appeal of bonsai during this popular two-part workshop. During the first session, a slide-illustrated lecture covers the history and fundamental concepts of bonsai. The second session is a hands-on experience for you to create a bonsai to add to, or begin, your collection at home. This two-part course designed to educate the novice in the basics of bonsai, is a prerequisite to intermediate level workshops offered in the spring.

Registration fee covers tree, glazed pot, soil, and wire. Participants with their own bonsai tools are encouraged to bring them. This season we offer two sessions of Bonsai Basics. **Bonsai Basics: Tropical** features the willow leaf ficus, *Ficus neriifolia*, and is for the participant who has limited or no sunny, outdoor space. **Bonsai Basics: Conifer** features *Juniperus chinensis* 'Shimpaku' and requires a sunny, outdoor location to thrive.

### Bonsai Basics: Tropical

Jul 30 & Aug 7, 1-3:30pm

Fee: \$119 (FONA/NBF \$95)

Registration required.

Bonsai & Penjing Museum

Lecture/Demonstration Center

### Bonsai Basics: Conifer

Sep 17 & 25, 1-3:30pm

Fee: \$119 (FONA/NBF \$95)

Registration required.

Bonsai & Penjing Museum

Lecture/Demonstration Center

## Herbs Used in Hispanic Cultures

In recognition of Hispanic Heritage Month, this self-guided tour is like a treasure hunt through the National Herb Garden with your own personal curator. Learn interesting facts about selected medicinal, industrial, and culinary herbs in Hispanic cultures. Discovery symbols throughout the collection mark the location of plants described in the educational brochure available at the garden's entrance.

Sep 15-Oct 15, 8am-5pm

Free, self-guided tour.

National Herb Garden

## Butterflies in the Garden

Discover the secrets to attracting butterflies to your garden with arboretum volunteers Bob Speaker & Amy Bishton during this special tour through the Prairie Meadow and the Washington Youth Garden. This program is for beginning butterfly gardeners and focuses on what plants are best for feeding caterpillars and providing nectar. Some butterfly identification will be included.

Aug 6, 3:30-5pm

Free. No registration required.

Meet at Fern Valley Parking Area



## Full Moon Hikes

Not a stroll through the garden, this 5-mile, mildly strenuous hike is a magical experience through the arboretum's moonlit gardens and collections. Depending on your guide and the arboretum's seasonal points of interest, your experience will vary from hike to hike. Wear good walking shoes and dress for the weather. Not recommended for children. **Registration is limited to 4 persons per party.**

Sep 17 & 18, 8-10pm

Fee: \$12 (FONA \$10)

Registration required.

Enter through R Street gate



**Save the date!! September 17, 2005**

## Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival

Visit [www.usna.usda.gov](http://www.usna.usda.gov) for details!

## Open-air Tram Tours

Experience the arboretum from the comfort of our 48-passenger, accessible, open-air tram. The non-stop, 40-minute narrated tours run each weekend and holiday beginning mid-April through mid-October. Private tours can be arranged. Visit [www.usna.usda.gov](http://www.usna.usda.gov) or call 202-245-4544 for more information.

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## Program Registration:

### By mail:

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Washington, DC 20002  
Attn: Event Registration, EVSU

### By phone:

No more than 7 days prior  
to program date, call  
202-245-5898

**Refund Policy:** A full refund will be provided for cancellations received 10 days prior to program date and for events canceled by the U. S. National Arboretum.

**Payment:** Separate check or money order for each program, payable to **U.S. National Arboretum**.

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## Guest Organizations' Shows & Sales

### Sogetsu Exhibit

Experience the zen'ei, or avant-garde, style of Ikebana, Japanese flower arranging, with Sogetsu flower arrangements. Using unusual plant materials and objects, the skillful arrangers of the entries in this annual exhibit always surprise visitors with their creative touches. Members of Sogetsu Maryland and Washington Sogetsu, co-sponsors of the show, will be on hand to answer your questions. Free admission.

Jun 11, 12-5pm

Jun 12, 10am-4pm

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### ZNA Potomac Chapter Koi Show

Returning for the 13th year, the Japanese Koi Show will entertain and educate koi enthusiasts of all ages. See brilliantly colored nishikigoi, "fancy fish," and watch as judges from Japan and the U.S. select the award-winners during this competition. Weekend events include a sales tent of pond supplies and equipment vendors.

Sep 10, 9am-5pm

Sep 11, 10am-4pm

Admin Bldg Terrace

Co-sponsored by the Potomac Chapter of the Zen Nippon Airinkai & Friends of the National Arboretum

If registering more than one participant, please list and include contact information for each.

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For more information regarding support organizations:

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## **Stay Late on Saturdays!**

Bring the family and stay late on Saturdays. The arboretum will stay open until 7:00 p.m. each Saturday from June 4 through July 30, except July 2. Take advantage of our extended hours this season and stroll through the collections absorbing the sights and scents of summer's bloom. Bring your dinner and picnic in the Grove of State Trees picnic area. This is a limited opportunity so plan now to extend your Saturday visit.

Check program availability at [www.usna.usda.gov](http://www.usna.usda.gov)

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*Full program descriptions and details are listed on page 1*

The largest designed herb garden in the nation celebrates its 25th anniversary with 6 months of workshops, lectures, and demonstrations. Co-sponsored by the U.S. National Arboretum and The Herb Society of America, these programs are designed to get you out in the garden and enjoy its distinctive splendor highlighted by silver foliage accents to commemorate the occasion.

***We're Celebrating and You're Invited!***

